

Low Income Home Energy Assistance Program 2003 Restored Budget Cut Report

The Low Income Home Energy Assistance Program (LIHEAP) provides financial aid to low income households in order to help them meet their energy needs. The Bush Administration originally cut \$300 million dollars out of the 2003 LIHEAP budget, reducing New York State's share by \$38 million. Approximately 80,000 fewer New York households than last year would have received aid. Senator Schumer's lobbying efforts resulted in the Bush Administration partially reversing its original cuts, restoring 40% of the eliminated funding. This means 32,000 New York State households that would not have received heating aid will now receive funding. This reversal is essential because the number of households eligible for the program will likely increase because of this winter's skyrocketing price of heating oil and natural gas.

Below is a county-by-county estimate of the number of LIHEAP recipient households that would not have received funding as a result of the Bush Administration budget cuts as well as an estimate of the number of households that could escape these cuts as a result of Senator Schumer's lobbying efforts. These estimates were made by assigning each county a proportion of the statewide cuts based on the county's number of LIHEAP recipients in 2001, and reducing that number by 40% to account for the restored funding.

***The Capital Region:** In 2001, 37,889 households in the Capital Region received LIHEAP assistance. As a result of the Bush Administration's original budget cuts, 3,987 fewer households in the area would have received funding. Senator Schumer's lobbying efforts have resulted in 1,595 Capital Region households being spared from these cuts.*

County	2001 Recipients	2002 Cuts	2002 Restored Recipients
Albany	9,946	1,047	419
Rensselaer	5,372	566	226
Schenectady	5,841	614	246
Saratoga	4,948	520	208
Fulton	3,668	386	154
Montgomery	3,189	336	134

Schoharie	1,555	164	66
Washington	3,370	354	142
Capital Region	37,889	3,987	1,595

***Central New York:** In 2001, 46,795 households in Central New York received LIHEAP assistance. As a result of the Bush Administration budget cuts, 4,926 fewer households in the area would have received funding. Senator Schumer's lobbying efforts have resulted in 1,970 Central New York households being spared from these cuts.*

County	2001 Recipients	2002 Cuts	2002 Restored Recipients
Oneida	14,729	1,551	620
Oswego	6,540	688	275
Madison	2,970	313	125
Cortland	2,662	280	112
Onondaga	19,894	2,094	838
Central New York	46,795	4,926	1,970

***The Finger Lakes:** In 2001, 44,326 households in the Finger Lakes received LIHEAP assistance. As a result of the Bush Administration budget cuts, 4,838 fewer households in the area would have received funding. Senator Schumer's lobbying efforts have resulted in 1,934 Finger Lakes households being spared from these cuts.*

County	2001 Recipients	2002 Cuts	2002 Restored Recipients
Cayuga	3,573	376	150
Seneca	1,231	130	52
Yates	1,045	110	44
Ontario	2,930	308	123
Wayne	1,735	356	142
Monroe	27,629	2,908	1,163
Livingston	2,504	263	105

Schuyler	1,000	105	42
Tompkins	2,679	282	113
Finger Lakes	44,326	4,838	1,934

***The Hudson Valley:** In 2001, 35,940 households in the Hudson Valley received LIHEAP assistance. As a result of the Bush Administration budget cuts, 3,784 fewer households in the area would have received funding. Senator Schumer's lobbying efforts have resulted in 1,513 Hudson Valley households being spared from these cuts.*

County	2001 Recipients	2002 Cuts	2002 Restored Recipients
Westchester	9,537	1,004	402
Rockland	3,342	352	141
Putnam	495	52	21
Dutchess	3,340	351	140
Ulster	4,967	523	209
Sullivan	3,024	319	128
Orange	6,807	716	286
Greene	2,289	241	96
Columbia	2,139	226	90
Hudson Valley	35,940	3,784	1,513

***The North Country:** In 2001, 31,660 households in the North Country received LIHEAP assistance. As a result of the Bush Administration budget cuts, 3,333 fewer households in the area would have received funding. Senator Schumer's lobbying efforts have resulted in 1,333 North Country households being spared from these cuts.*

County	2001 Recipients	2002 Cuts	2002 Restored Recipients
Warren	3,102	326	130
Essex	2,139	226	90
Clinton	5,176	545	218
Franklin	3,185	336	134

Hamilton	232	24	10
St Lawrence	6,170	649	260
Herkimer	3,839	404	162
Lewis	1,674	176	70
Jefferson	6,143	647	259
North Country	31,660	3,333	1,333

***The Southern Tier:** In 2001, 31,908 households in the Southern Tier received LIHEAP assistance. As a result of the Bush Administration budget cuts, 3,359 fewer households in the area would have received funding. Senator Schumer's lobbying efforts have resulted in 1,343 Southern Tier households being spared from these cuts.*

County	2001 Recipients	2002 Cuts	2002 Restored Recipients
Delaware	2,548	268	107
Otsego	2,535	267	107
Chenango	2,972	313	125
Broome	7,723	813	325
Tioga	2,634	277	111
Chemung	3,847	405	162
Steuben	6,349	668	267
Allegany	3,300	348	139
Southern Tier	31,908	3,359	1,343

***Western New York:** In 2001, 89,168 households in Western New York received LIHEAP assistance. As a result of the Bush Administration budget cuts, 9,385 fewer households in the area would have received funding. Senator Schumer's lobbying efforts have resulted in 3,754 Western New York households being spared from these cuts.*

County	2001 Recipients	2002 Cuts	2002 Recipients
Orleans	2,172	228	91
Genesee	2,445	258	103
Wyoming	1,735	182	73
Erie	56,446	5,942	2,377

Niagara	10,756	1,133	453
Cattaraugus	5,237	550	220
Chautauqua	10,377	1,092	437
Western New York	89,168	9,385	3,754

Long Island: In 2001, 22,349 households in Long Island received LIHEAP assistance. As a result of the Bush Administration budget cuts, 2,713 fewer households in the area would have received funding. Senator Schumer's lobbying efforts have resulted in 1,085 Long Island households being spared from these cuts

County	2001 Recipients	2002 Cuts	2002 Restored Recipients
Nassau	6,427	780	312
Suffolk	15,922	1,933	773
Long Island	22,349	2,713	1,085

New York City: In 2001, 337,375 households in New York City received LIHEAP assistance. As a result of the Bush Administration budget cuts, X fewer households in the area would have received funding. Senator Schumer's lobbying efforts have resulted in X New York City households being spared from these cuts.

Area	2001 Recipients	2002 Cuts	2002 Restored Recipients
New York City	337,375	40,967	16,387

New York's Natural Gas vs. Heating Oil Users

***The Capital Region:** There are 212,123 natural gas users and 107,312 heating oil users in the Capital Region.*

County	Natural Gas Users	Heating Oil Users
Albany	80, 854	19, 563
Rensselaer	25, 701	22,000
Schenectady	43, 228	8,755
Saratoga	39, 998	20, 942
Fulton	8, 824	8, 823
Montgomery	9, 181	7, 365
Schoharie	154	7,756
Washington	4,183	12, 108
Capital Region	212,123	107, 312

***Central New York:** There are 228,476 natural gas users and 57,465 heating oil users in Central New York.*

County	Natural Gas Users	Heating Oil Users
Oneida	52, 374	22, 464
Oswego	19,374	10,957
Madison	10,103	8,849
Cortland	9,224	4,411
Onondaga	137,401	10,784
Central New York	228,476	57,465

The Finger Lakes: There are 325,403 natural gas users and 50,931 heating oil users in the Finger Lakes.

County	Natural Gas Users	Heating Oil Users
Cayuga	15,263	7,329
Seneca	5,676	2,740
Yates	2,668	2,333
Ontario	21,897	5,881
Wayne	18,156	7,483
Monroe	230,558	12,273
Livingston	10,400	4,572
Schuyler	1,571	2,624
Tompkins	19,214	5,696
Finger Lakes	325,403	50,931

The Hudson Valley: There are 311,191 natural gas users and 381,591 heating oil users in the Hudson Valley.

County	Natural Gas Users	Heating Oil Users
Westchester	140,518	158,438
Rockland	82,333	2,956
Putnam	1,062	22,653
Dutchess	21,259	61,351
Ulster	10,510	42,362
Sullivan	381	18,636
Orange	51,420	46,430
Greene	933	12,780
Columbia	2,775	15,985
Hudson Valley	311,191	381,591

The North Country: There are 51,584 natural gas users and 95, 913 heating oil users in the North Country

County	Natural Gas Users	Heating Oil Users
Warren	10,343	9,307
Essex	63	10,435
Clinton	592	17,246
Franklin	129	12,729
Hamilton	2	1,423
St Lawrence	12,693	17,922
Herkimer	11,024	9,476
Lewis	267	5,827
Jefferson	16,471	11,548
North Country	51,584	95,913

The Southern Tier: There are 125,821 natural gas users and 57,239 heating oil users in the Southern Tier.

County	Natural Gas Users	Heating Oil Users
Delaware	1,905	1,219
Otsego	3,393	12,652
Chenango	3,041	10,405
Broome	53,678	13,582
Tioga	5,519	8,467
Chemung	26,366	3,107
Steuben	21,489	5,574
Allegany	10,430	2,233
Southern Tier	125,821	57,239

Western New York: *There are 494,716 natural gas users and 35,062 heating oil users in Western New York.*

County	Natural Gas Users	Heating Oil Users
Orleans	6,345	4,445
Genesee	13,098	4,379
Wyoming	7,329	2,555
Erie	343,172	7,841
Niagara	67,198	9,317
Cattaraugus	17,929	4,165
Chautauqua	39,645	2,360
Western New York	494,716	35,062